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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 1679

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: SOVIET PURCHASE OF 100 MT OF CORN

REF: STATE 26680

PARIS FOR PARSKY

1. FEB 6 ECON COUNSELOR INFORMED SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER GORDEYEV OF APPROVAL SOVIET CORN PURCHASE DESCRIBED REFTEL, EMPHASIZING AS INSTRUCTED USG CONCERN ABOUT TIMELY RECEIPT OF INFORMATION ON FUTURE SOVIET PURCHASES. GORDEYEV INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD CONCERN AND SAID HE FELT COOK PERHAPS HAD NOT EXPLAINED SITUATION COMPLETELY. ACCORDING TO GORDEYEV, SOVIETS ARE CANCELLING ORDERS FOR 200,000 MT WHEAT IN EXCHANGE FOR 200,000 MT CORN (TWO ORDERS OF 100,000 MT EACH) FOR DELIVERY IN NOVEMBER 1975, NOT OCTOBER AS NOTED REFTEL. GORDEYEV COMMENTED THAT HE SUSPECTS SOME OF EARLIER MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASE PLANS MAY RESULT FROM COMPANY INTEREST IN KEEPING ORDERS UNDER COVER UNTIL CONTRACTS ALREADY NEARLY COMPLETE FOR

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PURPOSE OF OBTAINING COMMODITIES INVOLVED AT BEST POSSIBLE PRICE.

2. GORDEYEV ALSO BROUGHT UP SOVIET COMPLAINT THAT MANY SHIPMENTS OF AMERICAN WHEAT REACH ODESSA STILL CONTAMINATED BY PRESERVATIVES APPLIED DURING STORAGE IN US ELEVATORS AND ALSO BY INSECTS SOVIETS HAVE NEARLY SUCCEEDED IN ERADICAING FROM DOMESTIC AGRICULTURE. HE SAID PROBLEM BECOMES ESPECIALLY ACUTE IN THE WINTER, WHEN SOVIETS CAN NOT CONVENTIENTLY FUMIGATE SHIPS BEFORE UNLOADING. AMONG AWKWARD PROBLEMS THIS SITUATION CAUSES, IN GORDEYEV'S WORDS, IS "CONGESTION IN PORT AS OTHER INCOMING SHIPS MUST WAIT TO USE PORT FACILITIES TIED UP BY SHIPS UNDERGOING FUMIGATION PROCESS."

3. AG ATTACHE ALSO ADVISED BY PERSHIN, PRESIDENT EXPORTKHLEB THAT THE QUANTITY OF CORN INVOLVED IN EXCHANGE FOR WHEAT WAS 200.000 MT, AND THAT THERE WAS NO PRICE GAIN IN THE EXCHANGE. ACCORIDING TO PERSHIN, THE SOVIET UNION HAS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WHEAT WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE INTEREST IN CORN IS TO MEET ACCELERATED USE FOR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FEED.

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